

into just a little more detail into the Environmental Trust Fund and then you will have a sense of that portion and then we'll move on to the other portions which will be described to you by other individuals. But the Environmental Trust Fund, if you want to follow along in your amendment, is basically Sections 1 through 10 of the amendment. It sets up an Environmental Trust Fund Committee. The committee is composed of five different directors of different agencies, all of whom are involved in agencies that relate to questions of the environment, the Director of Environmental Control, the Director of Health, the Director of Water Resources, the Director of Natural Resources and the Game and Parks Commission. Those five individuals, plus six individuals chosen by the Governor from the three congressional districts, two each from the three congressional districts, will comprise essentially the Board of the Environmental Trust Fund. There are provisions in the bill relating to the details of the board, relating to elections, relating to the powers and duties of the Environmental Trust Fund Board. You'll find those on page 4, Section 7 of the bill. The details of the Cash Fund are described for you on page 5 of the amendment. The Environmental Trust Fund, the job of the Environmental Trust Fund Board will be to look at various projects that are presented to it for funding and to make decisions with regard to funding on those projects based on certain priorities and based upon a particular rating system that is described in detail in the bill. On page 6 of the bill is described the rating system and then the priorities of the Environmental Trust Fund are described on page 7. I might mention to you, on page 8, it is indicated that with regard to the use of the funds, that no more than 25 percent of the amount allocated to the Environmental Trust Fund in its original allocation will be used for remediation of soils or ground water. There is a cap on that use on the original portion that goes to the Environmental Trust Fund. Later on when the Landfill Closing Fund kicks over into the Environmental Trust Fund that money will also be available mostly for remediation, ground water, soil remediation principally. There are some very clear criteria in the bill with regard to the types of things that the fund should do and should not do. If you take an interest in those, they are on page 8 and page 9 of the amendment. And then there is stated in the bill on page 9 and 10...

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